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1. The production of dredges for the USSR in the CKD Shipyard at Prague-Liben was stopped in September 1953. The original plan had been to produce a first series of five dredges. When the first two were completed, they were tested in the presence of three Russian engineers, who found serious technical defects and refused to accept delivery. The exact nature of the defects is unknown. At the beginning of November these two dredges were transferred from the Prague shipyard to the harbor at Usti nad Labem (at Vanov-N51/F44). The three other dredges which were under construction are now being dismantled.
2. Since the production of dredges has stopped the shipyard will start producing a new type of barge for the Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Navigation (CSPLO). The first series will consist of 10 barges. Their length will be approximately 65 meters, width 8.50 meters, carrying capacity 800 tons, with an auxiliary engine of approximately 75 HP, to permit movement downstream but not powerful enough to take the barge upstream. The helmsmen of these barges will have to have master's certificates.
3. At the end of November 1953 two new motor tugs were completed in this shipyard. Their names are TAIKY and SUMAVA. They are on the whole similar to the MORAVA and VLTAVA.

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